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SUBJECT: PRESS QUERIES ON ALLEGED US VISA REFUSAL TO YANKELEVICHES

REF: (A) MOSCOW 12130, (B) STATE 194084

1. US CORRESPONDENTS HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT A DISSIDENTS' PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT GENERAL GRIGORENKO'S APARTMENT MORNING OF AUGUST 24. TOWARD END OF CONFERENCE, SAKHAROV REPORTEDLY ANNOUNCED THAT HE RECENTLY CALLED AT EMBASSY WITH YANKELEVICHES AND THAT THE LATTER WERE "REFUSED" VISAS TO US.

2. EMBASSY HAS PREPARED FOLLOWING Q-A FORMAT WHICH IT HAS BEEN USING TO REPLY TO PRESS QUERIES ON THE SUBJECT:

Q. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE YANKELEVICHES RECENTLY CALLED AT THE EMBASSY WITH SAKHAROV AND THAT THEY WERE REFUSED VISAS TO THE UNITED STATES. CAN YOU COMMENT?

A. THE YANKELEVICHES AS RECEIVED SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION FOR
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ISRAEL. SINCE SOVIETS AUTHORITIES ALLOW PERSONS TO LEAVE THE USSR ONLY IF THEY HAVE A VISA FOR THE COUNTRY OF AUTHORIZED DESTINATION, THE EMBASSY PROCESSES IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATIONS ONLY FOR PERSONS WITH EXIT PERMISSION FOR THE US. PERSONS WHO LEAVE MOSCOW WITH VISAS FOR A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE US HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO THE

US AFTER THEY DEPART THE SOVIET UNION.

Q. DID SAKHAROV COME TO THE EMBASSY ABOUT THIS?

A. YES, HE ACCOMPANIED THE UANKELEVICHES TO CONSULT WITH
A CONSULAR OFFICER LAST WEEK.

Q. ARE WE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS NO PROBLEM REGARDING
THEIR TRAVEL TO THE US?

A. WE ANTICIPATE NO PROBLEM.

3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO INFORM EMBASSY WHETHER IT RECEIVES
ANY PRESS INQUIRIES ON THIS SUBJECT. TOON

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